

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 9.30 am
Fr Colin Doocey Adm.



Baptism

Luca Kairo Olmedo Koffi.
Sam Michael Murphy.
Éala Rose Noreen Spillane.



We welcome them into the Christian Family



Second Collection

Second Collection W/E 24th/25th JUNE
Peter's Pence.

Day for Life 2023

Day for Life is celebrated this year on **Sunday 18 June**. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion.

You can read the message in full on www.councilforlife.ie

Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery Blackrock on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30 pm.

Family members, friends and neighbours of all those buried in St. Michaels Cemetery are invited to attend. Please bring your own chairs as seating will not be provided. In the event of bad weather Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church. Extra Parking and toilet facilities in St. Michael's GAA grounds.

You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you



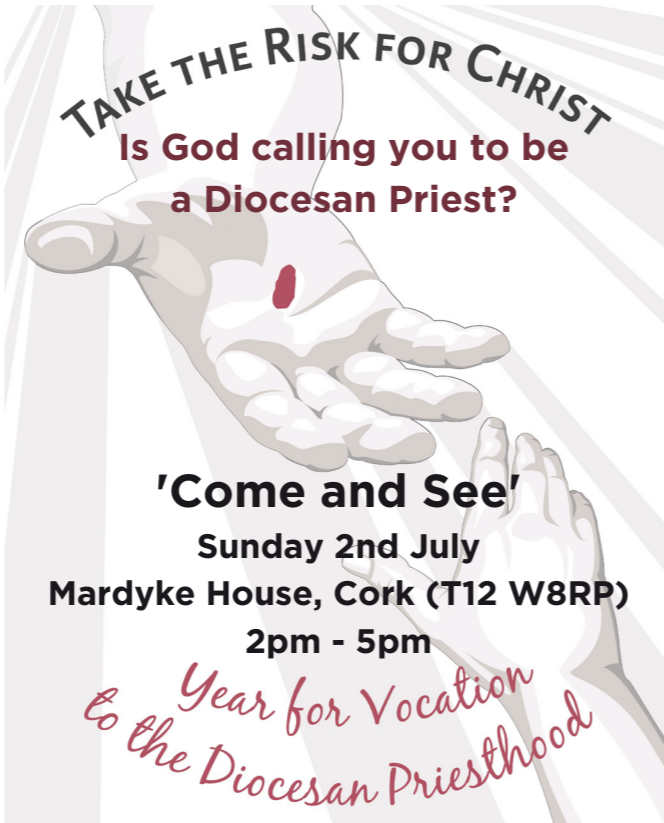
Some thoughts on today's Gospel....

This calling continues today. Jesus still calls, as he called the twelve, to continue the loving ministry of Jesus in the world. At baptism, we receive the water of God's love and the oil of service, completed in confirmation, marriage and ordination. The needs of God's people are as great today as then. In a world of addiction, suicide, confusion, poverty, injustice and many other big needs, Jesus still looks and sees people 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He calls each of us, male and female, young and old into his service.

Lord, I ask you for the courage and the opportunity to be active in my community, and to make it a growth-point of Christian living.

Diocese of Cork & Ross

TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST
Is God calling you to be a Diocesan Priest?



'Come and See'

Sunday 2nd July

Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP)

2pm - 5pm

*to the Year for Vocation
to the Diocesan Priesthood*

Email vocations@corkandross.org to register



ICE CREAM SUNDAY

Our annual Ice Cream Sunday will take place on **Sunday 25th June after 11.00 mass**. Please join us when we will have an ice cream van ready to serve refreshing goodies outside the parish centre!! *Please bring the kids along!!* Open to everyone - see you there.



Observations

The appointment and sending of the twelve marks an important evolution in the ministry of Jesus. The Gospel reading today offers us three panels: the motivation, the call and the sending. Each moment will speak to us today: why proclaim the Gospel? Who is to proclaim it? How is it to be offered?

Céilí na Carraige Duibhe 2023

Céilí na Carraige Duibhe 2023 will begin next Tuesday night in the outside area at Blackrock Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Douglas Comhaltas will provide live music and there will be a performance by the award winning Niamh Hatchell Irish dancers. cupán tae agus cistí milis le fáil! Fáilte roimh gach éinne- everybody very welcome



Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Tuesday 20th June at 7:20pm in the Mill Court, Mill Place, Bandon P72 E938**. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



For further information please contact us on 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Fr. Colin has generously offered the poor box near the exit as a collection point for SVP. If you wish to contribute any time, it would be appreciated.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K PetrolStation. The code to operate both is 2017

Thought for the day

We can identify easily with the double expression "harassed and helpless", a wide expression of frustration and naked need. There can indeed be a sense of aimlessness, "like sheep without a shepherd", as we look for direction in life, values to live by and a sense of overall meaning and purpose. Dennis O'Driscoll captured it in his poem Missing God:

Miss Him when the TV scientist explains the cosmos through equations, leaving our planet to revolve on its axis aimlessly, a wheel skidding in snow.

The message of the kingdom is no less real — rooted in compassion — and relevant today as never before. In the pithy expression of Bishop David Jenkins: "There is God. He is as he is in Jesus. There is hope."

Prayer

God of the cosmos, you come close to use all in the compassion of Jesus. As we take to heart his proclamation of the kingdom, show us how we can be bearers of the good news to all around us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. Compassion is the characteristic of Jesus throughout the Gospels — a deep empathy and love, in the face of suffering. In my world, who are the people who challenge me to compassionate living? When I find it difficult (for whatever reason), how do I respond?
2. Jesus first called the disciples and then, after time with him, he chose and sent out the twelve apostles. As my discipleship deepens, is the Lord calling me to some ministry, a concrete commitment to service and the building up of the community of faith? How am I responding?
3. Jesus wants his messengers to be focussed on the mission — first of all to their fellow Jews. In the early church, this vision widens to making "disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28). Moving from maintenance to mission is the only way forward. How do I see myself as a disciple on a mission in our world today?

Prayer

Compassionate God, your word calls labourers to the harvest. Send us who are blessed with the gift of your kingdom to announce its coming with gladness and to manifest its healing power. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO, VIDEO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails. K O'Mahony OSA